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1. BELOW FOLLOWS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL:

A. IN AUGUST 1976, LEGATT HERE WAS ADVISED BY SOURCES THAT ERP WAS IN POSSESSION OF A ROSTER OF USMILGP PERSONNEL AND HAD TARGETED ONEE USMGP MEMBER, LCOL. LLOYD GRACEY FOR ASSASSINATION.

B. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED, ABDUCTED AND OR RELEASED IN ARGENTINA THIS YEAR:

A) MALCOLM GOULDEN - ARRESTED AND RELEASED IN MARCH

B) OLGA TALAMONTE - ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1974 FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND DEPORTED IN MARCH.

C) GWENDA MAE LOKEN LOPEZ - ARRESTED IN APRIL FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. SHE IS STILL IN PRISON.

D) GEORGE ROOSEVELT BROOKS - ARRESTED IN MAY, RELEASED NEXT DAY.

H) JAMES PATICK NABER III - ARRESTED IN MAY FOR INTOXICATION AND RELEASED ONE DAY LATER.

I) MERCEDES NAVEIRO BENDER - WAS ABDUCTED FROM HER HOME IN MAY AND RELEASED TWO DAYS LATER.

J) GARRETT BEGLEY - ARRESTED IN MAY ON DRUG CHARGES. HE IS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED.

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K) GEORGE ROOSEVELT BROOKS - HELD FOR INVESTIGATION IN JUNE

ON DRUG AND SUBVERSIVE CHARGES AND RELEASED IN JULY.

L) FATHER JAMES MARTIN WEEKS - ARRESTED IN AUGUST ON SUBVERSIVE CHARGES AND EXPELLED IN THE SAME MONTH.

M) DAVID KRAISELBURD - KIDNAPPED IN AUGUST. HE IS STILL BEING HELD, ALTHOUGH CONTACT IS BEING MADE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS. HE IS 2 YRS. OLD.

N) KENNETH J. GOEHEL - ARRESTED IN SEPT. ON COUNTERFEITING CHARGES. CASE IS STILL OPEN.

O) PATRICIA ANA ERB - ABDUCTED IN SEPT. FROM HER FAMILY'S HOME. HER WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

C. IN MAY, BLIDA MESSINA, ARGENTINE EMPLOYEE OF FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, WAS ABDUCTED FROM HER HOME BY UNNAMED INDIVIDUALS. SHE WAS RELEASED TWO DAYS LATER AFTER BEING REPEATEDLY QUESTIONED CONCERNING HER RELATIONSHIP WITH A FAMILY, ONE OF WHOSE MEMBERS WAS KILLED HERE AS A TERRORIST. MS. MESSINA WAS A FRIEND OF THE TERRORIST'S SISTER.

D. JEHOVAH WITNESSES (WHOSE U.S. MEMBERSHIP HERE IS VERY SMALL) WERE BANNED BECAUSE OF THEIR REFUSAL TO SALUTE THE FLAG OR SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH IS AGAINST ARTICLE 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION. U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS GROUP WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE BAN.

E. ALTHOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY U.S. BUSINESSMEN HAVE LEFT ARGENTINA, ATTENDANCE AT LINCOLN SCHOOL IS A GOOD INDICATOR OF THE DECLINING U.S. PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA. THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SEPT. ENROLLMENTS AND APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGES WHICH ARE U.S. STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE THIS DECLINE:

1970	923 STUDENTS	85 PERCENT U.S.
1971	850 "	85 " "
1972	768 "	85 " "
1973	587 "	65 " "
1975	369 "	65 " "
1975	343 "	65 " "
1976	352 "	65 " "

F. SINCE FIRST OF THE YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN 15 SENIOR
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EXECUTIVES OF ARGENTINE NATIONALITY, EMPLOYED BY MAJOR FIRMS, ASSASSINATED. DURING THIS WEEK (SEPT 19) TWO ARGENTINE EXECUTIVES OF CHRYSLER CORP. ARE RESIGNING. ONLY YESTERDAY ARGENTINE SALES MANAGE OF SCHERING PHARMACEUTICAL WAS ASSASSINATED WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUS.

G. BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 31 AUGUST 1976, THERE HAVE BEEN 1166 DEATHS RESULTING FROM TERRORISTS.

H. 14 ARGENTINE EXECUTIVES OF AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED.

I. IN 1976, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING U.S. CHURCH
GROUPS HAVE REPORTED THREATS TO THE EMBASSY:

- A) JANUARY - MORMONS
- B) JANUARY - INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS
- C) CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH - JUNE
- D) JUNE - MORMONS
- E) JULY - MORMONS

J. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, NEW CHANCERY BUILDING WAS OBJECT
SEPT 20 OF ARSON ATTACK (BUENOS AIRES 6132) CAUSING DAMAGE
ESTIMATED IN EXCESS US\$10,000.

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